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TO CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES AND DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS.

In writing reports for the Cleveland convention, please be brief. It is the plan of the program committee to limit all paper to 1500 words, or about 20 minutes for delivery, and reports should not be longer than that and may be much shorter. It is better to give a summary of the leading facts than to make a report so long that there will not be time to read it, nor room to print it in the proceedings.

OLOF HANSON, Pres.

AMENDMENTS.

Colorado Springs, Colo.,
June 5, 1913.

Mr. Olof Hanson,
President, National Association of
the Deaf,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir—I herewith move that Section 1, Article VI of the Constitution of the Association be amended so that it shall read as follows:

The Association shall meet in national convention two years after the adjournment of each convention, unless circumstances call for postponement, as the Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote, may decide.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this motion to amend, and also publish same in the Journal and Observer.

Yours truly,

GEORGE M. VEDITZ,

Member in good standing from Colo.
I herewith second the above motion to amend.

BESSIE VEDITZ,

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President, National Association of
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Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir—I herewith move that Article VIII of the Constitution be amended so it shall read as follows:

A motion to amend the Constitution or By-Laws of the Association must be submitted to the President in writing and shall by him be published in the official organ of the Association at least sixty days before the meeting of the Association in national convention. It shall there come under the head of "New Business" and shall require a two-thirds vote of members voting to secure its adoption.

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Referred to the Committee on Laws,
J. C. Howard, Chairman.

THE N. A. D.

I note that many of us have been quite busy studying or wrestling the sacred Constitution of the National Association of the Deaf. I take the below for example:

"An old man and his little boy were once driving an ass to a market town where it was to be sold.

"Have you no more wit," said a passer-by, "than for you and your son to trudge on foot and let your ass go light?" So the man put his boy on the ass and they went on again.

"You lazy young rascal," said the next person they met, "are you not ashamed to ride and let your poor old father go on foot?" The man lifted off the boy and got up himself. Two women passed soon after: "Look at that selfish old fellow riding, while his little son follows after on foot." The old man thereupon took up the boy behind him.

The next traveler they met asked the old man whether or not the ass was his own. Being answered that it was: "No one would think so," said he, "from the way in which you use it. Why you are better able to carry the poor animal than he is to carry you." So the old man tied the ass' legs to a long pole, and he and his son shouldered the pole and staggered along under the weight. In that fashion they entered the town, and their appearance caused so much laughter that the old man, mad with vexation at the result of his endeavors to give satisfaction to everybody, threw the ass into the river, and seizing his son by the arm went his way home again."

The Constitution of the N. A. D. has tested well for 33 years, and it is hoped during the Cleveland Convention it should be thoroughly revised to satisfy the broad minded class, and then we should look after our own interests. Don't be so afraid of changing your mind. Everything else changes; why, then should your opinions remain the same? Thinking

means development.

Development means change. Without thinking you drift backward.—Lloyd.

Easy problems are never worth solution. The great rewards are always bought by terrific effort.—Kaufman.

The past does not harm us. It is only our view of the past that needs to be changed.—Lloyd.

Rumors are current that a certain party threatens to organize another association if the Cleveland meeting is disappointing in its own opinion.

Bear in mind that it took an amendment 87 YEARS to be added to the Constitution of the United States that we can elect U. S. Senators directly.

The time will solve the problem.

I don't propose to defend anyone.

In the Meagher matter it is the duty of the Secretary of the Association to keep a record of the proceedings of all the meetings and if it is true, he is not responsible.

Before Veditz was president, the N. A. D. was only a skeleton and during his two historical terms, it was certainly full of muscle and blood, and also continues to hold the public eye.

Hanson whose pen outlined the big stick of Ex-President Roosevelt in the memorable civil service fight is an able, patient and tactful administrator and he deserves a re-election. He is known by his deeds, not by his words.

F. A. JOHNSON.

A SEATTLE MAN FOR CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Mr. Herman W. Craven of Seattle has been chosen by President Wilson as a member of the National Civil Service Commission. As he will have more or less to say on the matter of the deaf getting civil service positions the appointment, is especially gratifying to the deaf here as he is a personal acquaintance of President Hanson.

Mr. Axling, who is a member of Mr. Hanson's civil service committee, has already started after Mr. Craven.

However, at this writing, Mr. Craven has not been confirmed.

STATE CONVENTIONS.

The Iowa State Association of the Deaf will hold their convention at Davenport, Iowa, August 16, 17 and 18, next, before the national convention. The Ohio State Association do August 31 and September 1 and 2, next, at Columbus, O., after the National convention.



Mrs. Axling, Rev. Mr. Cloud, Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Meagher and Mrs. Swangren out for an auto ride.



Mrs. Meagher, Rev. Mr. Cloud, Mrs. Hanson, Mr. Meagher and Mrs. Axling on Hoge Building.

AN EMBROIDERY GENIUS.

Harry G. Long is still with the W. O. W., where he has now been for ten years. He is now an advanced bookkeeper, member of the World, Woodmen Circle, Mecca Court No. 12, Tribe of Ben Hur, and Omaha Division No. 32 N. F. S. D.

He is still doing art embroidery. He made a few new pieces which may be sent on exhibition to the Panama Exposition. One is a yard of roses spilled from a large basket; everything worked solid with filo silk in natural colors; one in a dark cloth with a border of pansies and sweet peas in natural colors; one a piano scarf of conventional porusettas and a few others. The third member of the family, little Miss Long, is growing up. It is hoped she has inherited some of her papa's art embroidery genius. To see his work is to appreciate it and to see real art work which seems an absolute impossibility to masculine hands, but seeing will make one believe.—Deaf Hawkeye.

DEAF MUTE CUT TO PIECES ON C. AND O.

Huntington, June 4.—Washington Jordan, age probably 28 or 30 years, and a deaf mute, of Foster, Ky., was run down and terribly mangled by train No. 2, near that point.

The unfortunate man's left arm and left leg had been cut to shreds and the head horribly cut and bruised.

The unfortunate man was walking along the tracks near a curve and being deaf, was unable to hear the approach of the train. The fact that the accident occurred near a curve, made it impossible to stop the train in time to avoid hitting the victim. He never recovered consciousness, and died shortly after he was taken on the train.

Iowa

The N. A. D. and several states will hold conventions during the coming summer, so we think the following article from the Omaha World-Herald will be appropriate and interesting.

The author writes a daily short article for that paper on all sorts of subjects and most of them are unique in their views, and some times he is quite fiercely criticized:

"The Meeting Man.

(By Dr. Frank Crane.)

There is a kind of man that only comes to full bloom in a meeting.

He is the Meeting Man.

He has the gift of assemblage.

He flows by nature to gatherings, as he sits in the lodge room from 8 o'clock till half-past midnight, saying nothing, doing nothing except voting occasionally, thinking nothing, just watching the ponderous ritual moving heavily along, listening to treasurer's reports, which he does not understand, just basking in the social presence, feeding inwardly upon the communion with his fellows.

Instances have been known where men have gone to the lodge once a week for a whole year without missing a meeting.

Then there is the political meeteer.

The political meeting may be anywhere; the drearier the place the better; on the street corner, in the hotel lobby, up over Jepson's feed store in a room with two pine tables, twenty chairs and 1,000 cubic feet of tobacco smoke, or in some large hall called a wigwam or auditorium.

When the plasterer has finished his day's work, had his supper, wet has hair and plastered it down in a graceful sweep over his forehead, and inserted a cigar into his mouth at an angle of forty-five degrees, he likes to go downtown and meet.

If it is the planting season in politics, his self-respect is monstrously irritated. The judge greets him as a man and brother; the smartest lawyer in town actually asks his opinion on tariff; the rich man, who owns the bank and is anxious to get his particular highway robber into the city council, slaps him on the back. Citizenship and somewhatness rolls within his bosom.

There is nothing like political meeting to satisfy the meeting appetite. Churches would do well to oppose woman's suffrage. As sure as women

get into politics they will find the sating of the meeting desire much more easily and cheaply in the political than in the ecclesiastical congregation. Prayer meetings, sewing circles and other church affairs have so far been the main articles offered the meeting-hungry female soul. When the political dish, so highly flavored and sweetened, is set before them, I fear for the foreign missionary gathering.

Meetings are the wheels of democracy.

They are the first elemental functionings of self-government.

Monarchy prohibited them, except for the purpose of spiritual intimidation, drill, or fighting.

The witenagemote where the early English met and deliberated was 'the little cloud no larger than a man's hand' that foretold the tempest that was to overthrow the rule of superior classes.

The New England town meeting was the real beginning of the American republic.

It was Maurice Barres who said that 'men in meetings put in common nothing but their mediocrity.'

Very true; but while we may sneer at mediocrity, we should remember that it is the only safe governor of nations.

Genius, ability, brilliancy and all extraordinary powers are wholly unsafe to rule. Mediocrity alone is to be trusted.

It is safe; and what people want in government is security, not dazzling theories, untried ideals.

The instinct of mankind it is therefore that leads men usually to select the commonplace man to rule them and makes them distrust the clever.

The Meeting Man, who is a mediocrity, is the natural head of all republican-democratic states and other organizations.

The gifted need not complain. Governing is second class business. There is always room for the superior person, in art, in science, in skill, in literature and in money-making, which will remain automatic, probably for some time."

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The State school for the deaf and blind at Boulder, Montana, will have a modern electric light system and fixtures installed during the coming summer.

SEATTLE COOL AND HEALTHY.

With the thermometer 90 in the shade all over the country this week, Seattle enjoyed a temperature of 64 degrees. That is an average temperature for the summer here. What better place to hold the 1915 convention?

WORTH APPRECIATED.

One of the most prominent and well-known deaf in the country, in a letter to the managing editor, recently, said:

"Mr. Hanson has made an able president and I wish he would consent to run again." That seems to be the general opinion of all who have no axes to grind. R.

SOUVENIR PROGRAM.

We have received a neat little 12-page souvenir program of the second anniversary of the Cogswell Natal Day. This club is located at Porterville, California. Sam Waters is president and L. A. Palmer secretary. The members seem to be an enthusiastic lot. A number are subscribers of The Observer and more should be.

SUPERINTENDENT OF TEXAS SCHOOL.

The announcement of the death of Superintendent Sidney J. Thomas of the Texas School for the Deaf has been followed by wide expression of regret in the profession. He is succeeded by his wife, who, the Lone Star says, is fully qualified for carrying on the work so ably begun by her husband.—California News.

THE MEAGHER INCIDENT.

Editor Observer:

I was seated in the convention, on the same row with Mr. Meagher, third chair from him, when the tellers passed. I do not now recall who was seated between us. Likely as not it was the future Mrs. Meagher. I did not see Mr. Meagher prepare his ballot, did not see him cast it, did not ask the privilege of the floor, and did not call the attention of the president to anything Mr. Meagher had done. All the credit given me in the convention minutes, as far as that particular incident is concerned, belongs to Miss Edetha Williams, of Kansas, who was seated directly behind Mr. Meagher. She spoke to me of what she had witnessed and suggested that I report the matter to the president. I told her that I would prefer not to do so, as my relations with the president and also with Mr. Meagher at the time were rather strained, and that it would be entirely proper for her to report it herself. She did so, simply rising to her feet to address the chair. Mr. Meagher was not called to the platform. The president repeated to him what Miss Williams had said, and asked him if it was true. Mr. Meagher replied with a nod decidedly in the affirmative. Thereupon the president told him he had done wrong, and directed the tellers to see that the extra ballot cast by Mr. Meagher was not included in the final count. The incident did not occur "while the tellers were counting the votes," but while they were collecting the votes, and soon after Mr. Meagher had voted.

Mr. Meagher had never before attended a convention of the N. A. D. To nearly everybody present at Colorado Springs, he was personally a stranger. Those who know him well, know that he dearly loves a joke, and can give and take in that line as few others can. The one he tried on the Colorado Spring convention was out of the ordinary, and a bit premature—for him. The situation was too tense for it to be appreciated, although worked off from the first chair of the front row in a crowded hall.

Had the incident been accurately reported in as few words as possible, it would hardly have been criticised. Had it been omitted entirely from the official proceedings, it would not have been missed—at least not from a report making no claim for claim for completeness. Other incidents fully as unimportant as the one in which Mr. Meagher was concerned occurred in convention but are nowhere recorded. If the Secretary has "no option but to record things as they occur," why did he leave them out? For instance, when bids for the next convention were under consideration a member from South Dakota mounted the platform and read a telegram

from the Chamber of Commerce of Aberdeen inviting the Convention to meet there, offering a liberal bonus. A member from Georgia arose and called the telegram a "fake."

The remark was made good-naturedly perhaps, and seemed to have been intended as a joke, but it was not so regarded by the member from Aberdeen, whose resentment of the insinuation was so prompt and dramatic that even the Secretary may have ducked, and consequently lost the incident from the record; or perhaps one of the assistant secretaries was on duty at the time and very properly considered the incident too trivial to record, regardless of the fact that he had "no option but to record things" as they occurred. Other incidents were omitted, and the Meagher incident should have been omitted also, since it was as unimportant as any. "No motion was offered or passed at the Convention to expunge the matter from the records," for the simple and sufficient reason that no one suspected that the matter would be mentioned in the official proceedings, especially when, for the lack of sufficient funds, the proceedings had to be greatly condensed.

The worst that can be said of the Meagher incident, is that it was a joke which failed of appreciation—a joke which was altogether out of place under the circumstances. As no wrong was intended none can be shown. Since the Secretary "had to cut down his manuscript wherever possible," the Meagher incident, in itself, trivial and of no permanent value, should have been fed to the office cat.

J. H. CLOUD.

SOON BE TIME

to buy your ticket to Seattle to attend the State convention. Be sure to be here by 10:30 a. m., July 3, and get your badge and be ready for four days of profit and enjoyment.

DEAF-MUTE WORK IN ST. LOUIS.

The annual report of St. Thomas' Mission, the deaf-mute congregation of St. Louis, shows a very healthy state of spirit and finances. There are now 105 communicants. Of the expenditures of \$504.59 for the year, \$248.38 or nearly one-half, were for benevolences or canonical offerings, listed under sixteen heads. The congregation has been housed for thirty-eight years in the Cathedral, and now uses Bofinger Chapel at the same hour that service is going on in the larger place. The deaf-mute priest, the Rev. J. H. Cloud, is also a teacher. He has traveled during the past year from Ohio to California, holding services in twelve dioceses, attending various gatherings of deaf-mutes, reaching a total of 2,600 of his companions in silence.—The Living Church, Milwaukee.

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LOCALS.

Ed Langdon and L. T. Rhiley are sojourning in Portland.

We are glad to hear that the Morisy children are now out of danger.

Mrs. Hanson and children will spend a month at Portage on Vashon Island.

Children from the Vancouver state school arrived home last week's Wednesday.

Jake Alaska Garberson now has a good position in Vancouver, B. C., and is said to be doing well.

Mrs. Abe Himmelschein (nee Miss Wham) of Los Angeles, is visiting her parents on Langley Island.

Ross Sleightam of Spokane was calling on Seattle friends last week, and took a trip to Tacoma.

Miss M. E. Finch, a teacher at the Salem school, passes through Seattle today on her way home in South Dakota.

Rene de Clerq recently visited the California school, then went on to Los Angeles. He expects to return to Seattle later.

Eddie Spieler has gone to Wenatchee, from whence he expects to go out in the wilderness and shoot coyotes for bounty.

The monthly meeting of the P. S. A. D. last Saturday night was very harmonious and enjoyable, but no business of particular importance was transacted.

Alfred Stendahl was in town recently enroute to Montana to attend the wedding of a niece—or so he says. He returned via Seattle and reported a splendid time.

A. W. Wright expects to make a pilgrimage to his Tieton ranch the last of this week, returning in time to boss the athletic program at Schmitz Park on the Fourth.

Mique Brown has at last torn himself away from Seattle and gone back to San Francisco. From there he contemplates going to Australia. Mique is a lively fellow and if he should blossom out as the champion kangaroo trainer no one would be surprised.

Information from Tacoma was to the effect that some Tacoma deaf would rather stand in the hot sun, suffocating in the crowds and watching the Montamara Festo parade go by, than to spend the day with the deaf of the State at breezy Alki Beach. But it is probable they will change their minds at the eleventh hour.

Mr. and Mrs. David Turrill surprised their friends by dropping in on them at the P. S. A. D. meeting Saturday evening. They left Sunday night for Detroit, where they will visit friends and relatives and attend the national convention at Cleveland in August. They will return West in the fall and locate either in Seattle or Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. Turrill are both looking well and happy.

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SEATTLE, WASH.

L. A. Divine, president of the State Association, writes that he will be here July 2nd. He probably deems it advisable to come early and see that the local committee leaves nothing undone.

A. E. Hennessy of Vancouver, B. C., was in town last week and attended the P. S. A. D. meeting Saturday night. He expects to be here to see how our state convention goes off.

Hugo Holcombe has experienced difficulty in getting his wooden wedding party started. It has been twice put off on account of measles in his family, but he says it is to come off in July for sure.

STRAWBERRIES AND ICE CREAM.

The next social will be held June 28th at the home of Alfred Waugh, 2258 15th Ave. West. Take Fort Lawton or Ballard Beach car and get off at West Wheeler street. It will be in the form of an ice cream and strawberry festival on the lawn. So much a dish will be charged and the proceeds go to help swell the convention fund.

SEATTLE DIDN'T WANT IT.

Seattle was perfectly willing that any other city entertain the state convention this year, but as none offered to do so this city extended the glad hand. Now we expect you all to come along and accept that hand. We want to see not less than 200 present, on the last day of the convention, at least.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

Most of the details for the State Convention, which occurs in Seattle, July 3-6, have been definitely arranged for, and the local committee has no hesitancy in saying every one who comes to the gathering will have one continual round of pleasure. Those who want to join the State Association, or pay up dues, and be assured of the privileges to be accorded all members, should call on Treasurer Root at 10:30 a. m., Thursday, the 3rd. Mr. Root will be at the office of The Observer, Kinnear building, at that hour. Visitors from outside the state are not expected to become members, but will be accorded the same privileges as members, except in the matter of active participation in business sessions.

The street car trip has been definitely settled for Thursday afternoon.

unless we can substitute an automobile trip for it, starting at one o'clock, followed in the evening by the reception. For Friday, as announced, we have an all-day picnic at Schmitz Park and Alki Beach, with probably a boat ride on the Sound in the evening. A fine program of athletic sports has been arranged.

The program for Saturday will be filled in by President Divine in the form of business sessions, election of officers, etc. This will be by far the most important day of the four. It is expected a short business session will be held Thursday after the return from the ride over the city, to give opportunity for announcements and such preliminary work as may be advisable.

Saturday evening has been set apart for the grand ball at Carpenter's Hall. No one should be timid about donning the claw-hammer coat or decolette gown and tripping the light fantastic, but should there be any clodhoppers who prefer something else for entertainment, there will be cards and tables provided in ante-rooms.

Every one should aim to visit the government navy yard at Bremerton, leaving Seattle from the Colman dock at 8 a. m., Sunday, and returning early in the afternoon in plenty of time for lunch and church services at Trinity Parish church. The boat trip to Bremerton is a little more than an hour's ride each way, 16 miles, and costs 50 cents.

There will be several matters of importance to come before the deaf of the state at this convention and it should be the aim of all who can possibly do so to be present. Seattle did not seek the convention; we hoped it would go to Spokane or Tacoma, but since neither went after it, Seattle assumed the responsibility, and we think it but right that every section of the state should have its share in making the gathering a big success.

A detailed program will be printed for use during the convention. By all means try to be on hand. Make inquiry at your railroad station as to possibility of securing reduced rates as early as July 2, on account of either the National Charities Congress (which meets in Seattle July 2), or the Fourth.

Headquarters during the convention will probably be at the Georgian Hotel, next to the Kinnear building on Fourth avenue.

P. L. AXLING.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Anaclet Mercier is steadily employed in a rifle shop at Chicopee Falls. Business is so brisk he is unable to get off for a vacation.

The Frats of New England expect a big time at Worcester on Labor Day.

Charles Sawyer of Virginia was in Holyoke recently.

Misses Bertha and Aurora Guerin and Miss Ethel Guertin are working in Taylor & Brandley's shirt factory. The Misses Guerin were educated at Hartford and Miss Guertin at Northampton.

Miss Villa Young, a Hartford graduate, recently accepted the Catholic faith and united with that church. She is employed in a blank book shop.

Anaclet Mercier expects to go to Columbus, Ohio, next year.

TACOMA.

Mr. Fedder delivered an interesting sermon Sunday, his text being Luke 16-14. He will not preach here again until Aug. 17th, next month being his vacation month.

Miss Mabel Burnett, who has been with her Spokane relatives for some months, is now in Tacoma with her brother's family. Several of the deaf called on her Sunday to welcome her back to their midst.

Three "gay dogs" roamed the streets of Tacoma last Saturday. They went unmuzzled, but we can't believe they were also unlicensed. One was taken up at 7:45 p. m., but the other two are still at large. No reward is offered for their capture.

Our "dearest friend" went calling last week. Her experience wouldn't be so laughable if she were one of those who pay frequent calls. As it is, Tuesday evening after an afternoon trip to the city, she dropped in at Chas. Hammond's to bid Mrs. Chas. farewell before that lady's departure for Nebraska. It was encouraging to see Chas. busy wiping the dishes, but not so much so to have him stop only long enough to say, "my wife went back East last Saturday." Then again on Friday she said to herself, "I really must go and see Mrs. Bertram," and although it was a showery day, she actually did go. Alas, not even Mr. B. was on hand to tell her that only that morning Mrs. B. had gone to Portland, Oregon. But as it was very evident Mrs. B. wasn't at home, our friend had perforce to turn homeward. As her car (trolley) neared Prospect Hill, she suddenly decided to pay Miss Alice Hammond a call, long due. Of course Alice's brother was home to tell her that Alice wasn't. When at last our friend reached town and transferred for her home-bound line, she suddenly realized it was also the 13th as well as Friday. So she laughed and

went to a store where she made a very satisfactory transaction, enjoyed herself for two hours, then handed in her two-hour-old transfer and arrived home in high good humor. We are making the latter statements for the benefit of those misguided beings who have been laughing at her choosing Friday, the 13th, as a visiting day with such disastrous results.

Talk of Wizard Burbank! Chas. Hammond has a mammoth onion which he pulls up to show every visitor and afterward replants. It takes root every time, too. The more it is pulled the stronger hold it takes, and the recent rains have caused it to make such rapid growth that Chas. will probably have quite a tussle next time he wants to demonstrate it. We've no doubt it will prove to be the strongest specimen yet grown.

John Thomas is now staying with Chas. Hammond to wash the dishes, feed the cats (11 all told) and pull the weeds out of the onion bed. How would the title "unafraid of all work" suit him?

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weaver, who are in Primrose, Nebraska, are the proud parents of a girl, born May 28th.

Mrs. Hutson entertained some of her hearing lady friends one afternoon recently. A pleasant time is reported.

SPOKANE.

Election of officers at the last election meeting of the Spokane Association of the deaf were as following: Miss Amelia Bergerson, president; Frank Banister, vice-president; Mrs. Susie Smith, secretary; Mrs. Bella Bergh, treasurer; Mrs. Frank Manister, sergeant-at-arms.

The meetings are decidedly well attended and show a marked improvement under the continuing leadership of Miss Bergeson, who is now running through her third term as president.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Patterson, May 5, 1913, a baby girl which goes by the name of Amelia Effie. Both mother and child are doing nicely, while daddy has a water-melon smile.

We, the deaf of Spokane, would like to know who E. R. V. Chambers is. Making sport of a man's name is a little bit too serious. Therefore, we as a body request that our unbeknown correspondent be a little more careful hereafter.

The Spokane Association has decided to celebrate the Fourth of July. July 3rd a penny party will be given at the home of J. P. Frisby, residing at 618 E. Kiernan Ave., and on the 4th a picnic is to take place at Natatorium park. Everybody is invited and every precaution shall be taken for comfort and entertainment of our guests.

Mrs. William Henrich is one of the additional to the S. A. roll call.

Gilman Nordhousen is now in Cal-

gary, Alberta, Canada.

Mrs. Belle Bergh is figuring on an eastern trip in the near future.

ERVE CHAMBERS.

SPOKANE.

"Flea" Slightam is somewhere on Puget Sound, he simply can't help but love the smell.

Down here things look mighty starting. Petitions have been launched for the recall of Mayor Hindley and Commissioner Robert Farley. Two superintendents, employed in the department of public works, felt the keen edge of the ax because they were not satisfied with their work and signed the petition for recall. We hope none of our boys have been foolish enough to have followed the example.

A report says Billy Henrich with his big boys have again been defeated by the county pen-pushers' baseball team. We are not sure of this but we know that Billy's arm is painful.

E. J. Whipple is busy hoeing his vegetables these days. He certainly has a big crop out at Millwood and the way he blows about the weather it must be hot.

BILLY.

WHY NOT?

Why not get your hearing friends to subscribe for The Observer? How many of us have not at some time been quizzed about the deaf? To such persons say "Subscribe for The Observer and you will learn all about the deaf and receive much valuable information."

PUGET SOUND ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Meeting at Carpenter Hall, Fourth Avenue just north of Pine Street.

Officers:

President—True Partridge.
Vice-President—Miss Cleon Morris.
Secretary, Philip L. Axling.
Treasurer, John E. Gustin.
Serg.-at-Arms, A. H. Koberstein.

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James Ray and family, hailing from Kentucky, have taken up their home here. They are desirable deaf people and will add to the Porterville mute colony.

John Brinkman of Musset, Mont., happened to drop into Porterville and surprised his old Iowa schoolmates some time ago, then went down to Los Angeles to look around the country to see if it would suit him, but he returned here; then James Wann accompanied him to Sacramento two weeks ago to purchase some land there.

The other day L. A. Palmer ran across a deaf and dumb imposter and reported to the city officers and worked hard to get them to arrest him. They failed to recognize her as a fakir and let her go but in one hour she disappeared out of sight.

The eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Benedict is recovering from scarlet fever, which he contracted at the Berkeley school for the deaf some time ago.

Mrs. M. Wann received a letter from her husband stating that he now is at Fall City, Oregon, and is much satisfied with the country which is beneficial to his health.

Today John Brinkman returned here from the North.

A small crowd attended the second anniversary of Cogswell club, April 26th. The program went smoothly.

C. C. Howell read the pieces for those who recited in sign language for the hearing audience's sake.

The mutes' favorite song "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was recited by four

ladies, who made most graceful signs. They were Mrs. A. E. Cummings, Mrs. Mary Palmer, Mrs. Mollie Mann and Miss Lizzie Martin.

L. A. Palmer, chairman, gave an address about supporting the sign language.

Then the contest came for the prizes for the best pieces in sign language. Ed Dugan of Tulare and L. A. Palmer won the orations. Mr. Palmer's oration was about the "Significance of Swastika." They received a straw hat and a set of silver table-spoons as prizes.

Sam Waters and Robert Martin won the prizes for the best humorous stories.

Robert Martin won a prize for the most lie telling about "His Ride in an Airship, Sighting Down Two Sweethearts Walking on Earth." Four pound of fresh pork was the prize.

Mrs. A. E. Cummings received the best prize, a taboret, for the best declamation.

After the program those present proceeded to the Home Bakery for a banquet which lasted till midnight.

L. A. PALMER.

EIGHT GRADUATES.

Our State school at Vancouver graduated a class of eight last week. We understand that the whole bunch expect to enter Gallaudet next fall.

Who says that the State of Washington is not making good.

SUCCESSFUL PUBLISHER.

Our friend Frank Philpot seems to be making a big success of the Clendenin (W. Va.) News, judging from the quantity of advertising carried.

STILL USING SIGNS.

Some friend has sent us the following clipping from the Omaha World-Herald, of June 10th, which would indicate that the management of the Nebraska school still finds use for signs:

"Essays delivered in the sign language of the deaf and an address by Superintendent E. U. Graff of the Omaha schools, interpreted in the sign language, featured the graduation exercises last night of six seniors of the state school for the deaf.

The essays covered appropriate graduation topics, the result of careful preparation. The topics and names of graduates follow:

Salutatory, "The Man Who Dares," James Jelinek, Plattsmouth.

"Pleasant Rewards," Bessie Lewis, Ruskin.

"Watcher or Doer, Which?" Eugene Fry, Omaha.

"The Golden Fleece," Ella Cowen, Omaha.

"The Powers of Nature," Harold Newman, Laurel.

Valedictory, "Real Romantic Spirits," Effie Wessen, Oakland.

The class poem, the words by Prof. J. W. Sowell, was sung by the class in the sign language. Mrs. M. D. Cameron, representing the board of trustees, presented diplomas and music was furnished by an orchestra under the direction of Mrs. E. R. Zabriskie.

Graduation from the school indicates completion of studies somewhat more advanced than the eighth grade of the Omaha schools. It prepared for Gallaudet college, Washington, D. C., which all of this year's class expect to enter."

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